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SD GUARD MAKES FINAL FLIGHT OF LEGACY AIRCRAFT

The OH-58 Kiowa helicopter has served in the U.S. Army since 1969, and served nearly two decades as a part of the South Dakota Army National Guard's inventory. The OH-58 made its final flight Friday, May 31, at the Rapid City Regional Airport and marked the end of this aircraft's service as a part of the SDARNG. The aircraft is being replaced by the newer LUH-72 Lakota helicopter, which began its service in the SDARNG in May 2011.

The Kiowa entered service with the SDARNG in the fall of 1991, serving the role of aerial scout and forward observer platform as part of the 137th Aviation. Two detachments of the 137th were formed in Rapid City at its Army Aviation Support Facility: Detachment 4, 2/137th Aviation and Detachment 2, Company A, 2/137th Aviation. These units were commanded by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Thomas Sikorski and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Wesley Barnes.

"The 58's were intended to replace our OH-6's, but everyone loved to fly the 6's," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 (ret.) Frank Effenberger, pilot. "We flew the 6's until they took them away from us." According to Effenberger, the pilots loved the OH-6, but the passengers preferred the OH-58. "Tall passengers had to hunch over in the back seat of the OH-6, but the OH-58 had a lot more head room," he said. The OH-58 served five years before initially leaving the SDARNG's service in August of 1996.

The Kiowa returned to service in the South Dakota Guard in May 2002. The state received two OH-58 aircraft with the newly formed Reconnaissance and Aerial Interdiction Detachment (RAID) unit. The primary mission of the RAID unit was to provide support for law enforcement agencies for counter-narcotics operations. These Kiowas were fitted with infrared cameras and powerful spotlights in order to fulfill this role.

"This is the second time we have retired the '58's in South Dakota," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kenneth East, former RAID commander.

The Kiowa flew numerous counter-narcotics, search and rescue and public event missions since 2002, which is a testament to the legacy of the aircraft serving in the counter-narcotics role. The May 31 flight was symbolic, circling the Rapid City Regional Airport one last time before retiring the aircraft.

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SDNG MUSEUM HOSTS MUSEUM DIRECTORS

Sonja Johnson, director of the South Dakota National Guard Museum in Pierre, hosted the Association of South Dakota Museums conference in Pierre Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1. The two-day conference addressed the following topics: South Dakota traveling exhibits, use of social media, use of hands-on-exhibits, inventory, deaccession, and tips for making exhibits stand out.

Dedicated to preserving, interpreting and disseminating the unique and ever-changing cultural heritage within the state of South Dakota, the Association of South Dakota Museums (ASDM) is an organization of museums and friends in service to the museum community in South Dakota since 1970.



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HAPPY FATHERS DAY VETERANS

Many Fathers are away from their loved ones this upcoming Father's Day, because of their service to our great county. Please pray for them and their children! Both of the poems illustrated below are from the view point of a child.

Happy Fathers Day to all our soldiers, all our veterans and to all our Dads!

Don't forget there is still time to give the gift that keeps on giving — put your veteran in contact with his County or Tribal Veterans Service Officer — http://mva.sd.gov/vet_service_officers.html.



Collin's Prayer for Daddy"

*Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray my Daddy You will keep
Safe from harm and the enemy
And bring him home to Mommy and me.*

*'Cause he's a soldier, proud and strong
and he's been gone now for way too long
Thank you Jesus for seeing him through
To protect our country, and the red, white
and blue. Author: Charlene McGowan*



MY DADDY IS A SOLDIER

*My Daddy is a soldier and is far away from me,
He is fighting in a war, so other people can be free.
It's Father's Day, but my Daddy can't be here,
I have to be brave and not shed a tear.
I wish my Daddy could be home and not over there,
My Daddy is a hero, he is loving and he cares.
Mama says that Bad People want to hurt Daddy, I'd put them in jail!
Daddy's letters are so sad, when we get a letter in the mail.
Please GOD, give the world a time out, like when I am bad,
Make everybody say, "Sorry!", so I can have my Dad!
My Daddy is my bestest friend, he means the world to me,
My Daddy is a soldier and I am proud as I can be!*

FLAG DAY—JUNE 14

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

The Flag Goes By
Henry Holcomb Bennett

*Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flash of color beneath the sky:
Hats off! The flag is passing by!*

*Blue and crimson and white it shines,
Over the steel-tipped, ordered lines.
Hats off! The colors before us fly;
But more than the flag is passing by.*

*Sea-fights and land-fights, grim and
great,
Fought to make and to save the State:
Weary marches and sinking ships;
Cheers of victory on dying lips;*

*Days of plenty and years of peace;
March of a strong land's swift increase;
Equal justice, right, and law,
Stately honor and reverend awe;*

*Sign of a nation, great and strong
Toward her people from foreign wrong:
Pride and glory and honor,--all
Live in the colors to stand or fall.*

*Hats off! Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums;
And loyal hearts are beating high:
Hats off! The Flag is passing by!*

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "*The Fourteenth of June*" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to: call on government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

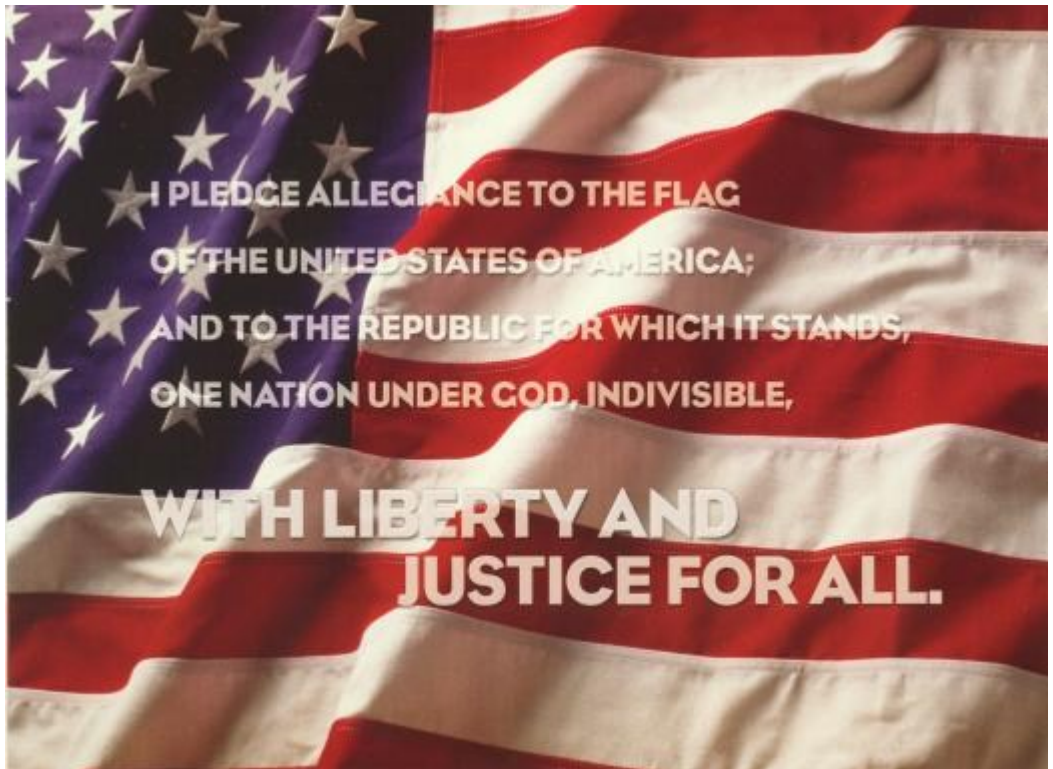


PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by Francis Bellamy. It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892, as part of the National Public School celebration of Columbus Day. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country. Bellamy's original pledge read as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The pledge was first used in public schools on October 12, 1892. In 1923, the National Flag Conference called for the words "my Flag" to be changed to "the Flag of the United States", so that new immigrants would not confuse loyalties between their birth countries and the United States. The words "of America" were added a year later and it read as follows:



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

SWEET OR SUITE???????

South Dakota is blessed to have unending support for our veterans. That support comes from all corners of the state, businesses, organizations, museums, and citizens.

Recently the Rapid City Journal ran a story "*SVH Project has Suite Results.*" The story illustrates the strength of that un-ending support and the length that people will go when they are working for and with veterans.

Take a moment — and read the story —

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/communities/hot-springs/svh-project-has-suite-results/article_b232dc82-cc65-11e2-9f43-001a4bcf887a.html



REMINDER — GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER

Salute the Veterans VFW Golf Tournament

A Benefit to support Local Veterans

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

546 Palmer Circle
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Phone: (605) 226-4487

4 Person/Team Best Ball

When: Saturday, June 29th
Cost: \$75 per player (\$300/Team)
Registration: 12:30pm - 1:00pm
RSVP text/call - (605) 848-2874

WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A GOLF CART!



- Hole-in-One Shootout - win a golf cart!
- Price includes 18 holes and Cart
- Longest Drive Contest
- Closest to the Pin Challenge
- Longest Putt Contest
- Golf/Military Trivia at Every hole
- Supper to Follow

ELLSWORTH AFB TO HOST KOREAN WAR 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

Korean War Veterans from western South Dakota will be honored during a ceremony on Saturday, June 22, 2013, at Ellsworth Air Force Base. The exhibit and award ceremony will be at the South Dakota Air and Space Museum (2890 Rushmore Drive). The awards ceremony will be held at 12:00 noon (MT) and the exhibit will be on display from 10:00 am—4:00 pm.

Veterans from all branches of the military that served during the Korean War will be honored for their service and sacrifice. They will receive DOD certificates of appreciation signed by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, is dedicated to thanking and honoring all the Veterans of the Korean War, their families and especially those who lost loved ones in that war.



For more information, visit www.koreanwar60.com.

VETERANS DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

The 2013 South Dakota State Fair will be held Thursday, August 29—Monday, September 2.

This year's theme for the South Dakota State Fair is "Starry Nights and Midway Lights."

Thursday, August 29, has been designated as "salute to veterans and military personnel." All veterans and active military personnel will be given free gate admission.

Veterans organizations and county veterans service officers will be manning the 'Veterans Building,' on Flag Avenue.



Upcoming Events

Jun. 6-9—American Legion State Convention—Ramkota Hotel/Conference Center—Rapid City
Jun. 13-16—VFW State Convention—Watertown Convention Center
Jun. 14—Glenn Green Memorial Dedication—Post 63 in Lake Preston—10:00 am
Jun. 19—Hiring our Hero Veterans—TREA—1981 E. Centre Street—Rapid City—10:00 am
Jun. 29—VFW's Salute the Veterans Golf Tournament—Rolling Hills Golf Club—Aberdeen—1:00 pm
Jul. 1—Black Hills National Cemetery Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—9:00 am
Jul. 8—SD Veterans Council—DAV Headquarters—Sioux Falls—10:30 am
Jul. 26—Korean War Commemoration Display—SDNG Museum—Pierre
Jul. 27—Korean War Wreath Laying Ceremony at the SD State Capitol—Pierre
Jul. 31– Aug. 4—American Veterans Traveling Tribute—Hot Springs
Aug. 3—All Veterans Reunion—Hot Springs
Aug. 4—Freedom Poker Ride—Hot Springs
Aug. 21—Sioux Falls Veterans & Spouses Job Fair—Elmen Center (2505 S. Grange Avenue)—Sioux Falls—10:00 am
Aug. 24-25—Freedom Bird 2013—W. H. Lyon Fairgrounds—Sioux Falls 10:00 am—5:00 pm
Aug. 26-28—VSO Annual Benefits School—Ramkota Hotel—Pierre
Sep. 11—Stand Down—Wagner
Sep. 13—Stand Down Watertown
Sep. 20—Stand Down—Sioux Falls—VFW Post 628 (3601 S. Minnesota Ave.) 8:00 am—3:00 pm
Sep. 24—Stand Down—Aberdeen
Oct. 1—Black Hills National Cemetery Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—9:00 am
Dec. 15—Wreaths Across America Ceremony—Black Hills National Cemetery—10:00 am

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